

Minutes
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2008

Board Members Present: Chairperson Ann McKown, District Court Judge; Vice Chairman Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Secretary Robin Odom, NC Department of Labor; Lao Rubert, Carolina Justice Policy Center; Geoff Hathaway, Community Corrections; Deborah Schwartz, Member At Large; Antoinette Hilliard, Public Defender's Office; David Saacks, District Attorney; Marcia Owen, Victim Services; Sadie Alger, Substance Abuse; DeWarren Langley, Member At Large; Gary Thompson, Community Based Corrections Program; Michael Page, Durham County Commissioner

Board Members Absent: Ellen Holliman, Mental Health; Kenneth Titus, Superior Court Judge; Fredericka Carver, Member At Large; Lafonda General, Member At Large; Riley Butler, Community-Based Corrections Program; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager; Gayle Harris, Public Health; Alan Goldstein, Criminal Defense Attorney;

Staff: Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, and Jonie Coss

Guests: Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Donnie Phillips, the Durham Center; Conrad Strader, Division II, Community Development Specialist; Arin Jones, Public Defender's Office

Introductions: Chairperson Ann McKown, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes: November 14, 2007 minutes were presented for approval. Minutes approved without corrections.

CJPP Continuation Funding Update: Gudrun presented a brief update on the CJPP Continuation funding. She announced she made a presentation to the NC Association of County Commissioner in January about the funding, she also asked for the Department of Justice and the Public Safety Steering Committee for their support. She stated JCPC and CJPP had taken it to the NC Association Executive Board. Mr. David Thompson, Director of the Board sent an email to all NC County Managers asking them to make suggestions of strategy, on how to bring the issues of the continuation funding and the importance of the program on a local level to the forefront of the local legislators to make sure funding continues.

Conrad confirmed the programs were not in the continuation budget at the current time. He stated a review of all grant-funded programs was in progress and a report was due to the legislators by Feb 1. Conrad acknowledged many of the programs were unable to meet that deadline and asked for an extension. He did state an Interim Continuation Legislative Report was submitted and the final report would have a tremendous amount of good information. Conrad presented some of the information and statics in the interim report to the board. Gudrun supplied a copy of the report and mentioned the full report would be released in April. She explained the process of the report and the outcome if the General Assembly had not finished their budget by July 1st. Gudrun mentioned if funding was not approved, it would be up to individual counties as to whether they wanted to continue the programs on good faith and hope the money would come retroactively.

CJPP Application for FY 08/09: Gudrun stated even though with the uncertainty of the continuation funding, CJRC would apply for the funding. She presented a copy of the application and briefly highlighted each item. Gudrun pointed out the amount of the application was \$177,199.00 with one modification from last year's application, which was a proposal to change the substance abuse halfway housing contract. She explained the need for the reevaluation of the service contract and the possibility of using other housing providers to meet the need of clients who did not have substance abuse problems; she also mentioned the need of housing for women. The board discussed the difference in substance abuse halfway houses and a transitional house, boarding house and the shelter. Gudrun continued her presentation on the proposed application by stating the four goals and objectives remained the same. Gudrun pointed out the attachments in each packet that would go with the application. She moved to the Budget Line Item Justification form and explained each line, which included personnel, travel, contractual and operating. Gudrun explained the process of the application. She stated it would go to the county commissioners early March, once approved it would go to Conrad for review and presentation it to the state office. A motion was made to approve the budget; all board members were in favor.

Program Update: Jo Iverson presented a Program Update report stating she had been encouraged by the overall numbers; she stated the number of admissions had gone up significantly. Jo presented the DRC and SCP numbers, she mentioned the completions for the SCP were good but the reason for termination was a concern. Gudrun talked about the SCP probation officer would return from leave and those numbers should improve. Jo briefly highlighted program numbers for the Reentry program, STARR program, DTC and Screening and Evaluation services.

Gudrun presented a Program Update for CJJPP-DRC and Reentry programs, she mentioned there was an increase in the number of gang-involved offenders, and it was a growing concern. She stated the request for \$3,500 in reallocation money had been approved and the majority of the money would pay a CBI trainer to train CJRC staff. Gudrun mentioned the number of clients served in the SCP had gone down and had a 40% completion rate. She highlighted on the following for CJRC - overall attendance went up, the employment class doubled, and CJRC was currently discussing a job readiness curriculum with DTCC. There was also discussion on the possibility of a second GED instructor. Gudrun added the county's IT department has a team working exclusively on CJRC's Client Information Management System for Community Based Corrections programs and the target testing date had been set for March. Gudrun told the board the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with The Durham Center had been modified to add the following - two additional positions, which would be housed at the Access center; and the Durham Center would provide clinical supervision to CJRC staff. The MOU also included the Durham Center would provide funding for services to DTCC. Gudrun added the laborer position had been filled in December and that position was in the General Services department. She believed they were satisfied with his performance and if General Services had a position come open, they would very much consider him for the position. Gudrun summarized her report by stating the application for the Comprehensive Anti-gang grant had been approved by the Department of Justice, but the formal announcement had not been made. She stated the amount was for \$1.25 million and would be for 3 years. She stated the county/CJRC would coordinate the Reentry component.

Jail Diversion: Donnie Phillips distributed a handout on the Durham Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, created by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of

2004. He presented a brief report on the Jail Diversion piece by pointing out several key points on the overall goals of the program and the responsibilities of the jail diversion staff. There was brief dialogue on the percentage of Mentally Ill people currently in the jail population. Gudrun mentioned the possibility the grant may not be approved because the money, which came from the crime commission and passed through local organizations, had been reduced in the president's budget.

Creation of Subcommittees: Gudrun proposed creating sub-committees to address the amount of information in the CJPP Board meetings and the issue of time. She stated there was not much opportunity for discussion, sharing of ideas, and suggestions. Gudrun proposed the ~~four~~ following four sub-committees: Youthful Offenders, Offender Employment, Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Offenders and Community-based Correction Plan Update. She encouraged board members if they were interested in serving on any of the committees to sign up. She suggested once the committees were established the possibility of inviting other community members to participate in the meetings. She recommended the subcommittees meet at least one time in between the CJPP quarterly board meetings and provide a report at the next CJPP Board meeting. She stated CJRC would have one staff member on each committee.

Announcements, other Issues: Gudrun quickly mentioned the remaining items and handouts on the agenda, which included the announcement of "Transitions", A Jail Reentry Program, a memo to the City of Durham concerning the continuation of Project Restore, the upcoming NCCU Reentry Conference in March, and the CJPP training Institute also in March. She also announced the viewing of the film "Meeting with a Killer" (A Lesson in Restorative Justice) on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 3:00 pm on the NCCU Campus.

Gudrun extended her appreciation for their attendance and announced the next meeting of the CJPP Advisory Board would be Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.